



# Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service 2018-2019 Applicant Data Report

2018-2019 Admissions Cycle for the 2019 Entering Class  
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# 2018-2019 PTCAS Applicant Data Report

(All uses of this data should reference the American Physical Therapy Association as the source of the data and acknowledge that APTA bears no responsibility for interpretations presented or conclusions reached based on analysis of the data.)

## Introduction

The 2018-2019 PTCAS Applicant Data Report reflects the **17,834** applicants with verified application status who applied via the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service during the 2018-2019 (11th) admissions cycle. Applicants with verified status submitted a total of **98,773** applications to the **229** physical therapist education programs participating in PTCAS.

In an effort to streamline the Annual PTCAS Applicant Data Report, and allow readers to more easily find the most commonly used data contained within the report, several sections were added, edited, or removed from the 2017-2018 report for the 2018-19 application year. Please reach out to PTCAS staff with questions regarding any data or information that was previously included in the Applicant Data Report that is no longer available.

Sections and data that were removed from the previous year's report include:

- List of participating programs.
- Comparison of number of applications versus number of offers received.
- Applicant citizenship Information.
- Applicant state of residency information.
- Military service information.
- Early decision trend data.

Sections that were edited for size and clarity from the previous year's report include:

- Race/ethnicity trend data.
- College majors.
- Primary institutions attended.
- Disadvantaged status information.

Sections added to this year's report includes information and data on applicant gender.

The 2018-2019 PTCAS admissions cycle opened July 3, 2018, and closed May 15, 2019. Participating programs submitted admission decisions to PTCAS through September 2019. Not all programs reported matriculated data to PTCAS: six programs did not share final admission decisions for applicants with PTCAS at the conclusion of the application cycle. These six programs collectively received 2.2% of submitted applications in the 2018-19 cycle. PTCAS applicants with the following admission decisions were categorized as "accepted" for the purposes of this report: offer made, offer accepted, withdrew after offer accepted, declined offer, deferred, and matriculated.

The number of verified PTCAS applicants decreased by **2.9%**, and the number of applications decreased by **12.1%** from the 2017-2018 admissions cycle. Applicants applied to an average of **5.5** programs in PTCAS, a decrease of **0.6** from the previous cycle.

**Six** new programs joined PTCAS in 2018-2019.

- Among participating programs during the 2018-2019 and 2017-2018 cycle, **14%** experienced an increase in applications and **86%** experienced a decrease in applications.

The mean percent change in the number of applications per program was minus **11.97%**. The median was **minus 12.85%**, and the range was **minus 65%** to plus **83%**. Programs in PTCAS during the 2018-2019 cycle may access program-specific reports via WebAdMIT at least through June 2021.

Table 1. PTCAS Program, Applicant, and Application Trends

Admissions Cycle	# of Programs in PTCAS	# of PTCAS Applications	% Change	# of PTCAS Applicants	% Change	Applications to Applicant Ratio
2008-09	72	24,293		6,112		4.0
2009-10	107	40,566	67.0%	9,297	52.1%	4.4
2010-11	128	56,859	40.2%	11,604	24.8%	4.9
2011-12	146	73,917	30.0%	13,462	16.0%	5.5
2012-13	160	87,235	18.0%	15,616	16.0%	5.6
2013-14	167	96,264	10.4%	16,828	7.8%	5.7
2014-15	180	104,579	8.6%	17,587	4.5%	5.9
2015-16	200	114,027	9.0%	18,475	5.0%	6.2
2016-17	214	118,620	4.0%	19,025	3.0%	6.2
2017-18	223	112,373	-5.3%	18,359	-3.5%	6.1
2018-19	229	98,773	-12.1%	17,834	-2.9%	5.5

**Table 2. PTCAS Applicants Per Program Trends**

	2018 -19	2017 -18	2016- 17	2015 -16	2014 -15	2013- 14	2012- 13	2011 -12	2010- 11	200 9-10	2008 -09
MEAN # of Applicants Per Program	432	495	560	576	587	580	548	438	453	389	346
MEDIAN # of Applicants Per Program	362	424	486	481	508	509	489	509	416	347	330
RANGE in # of Applicants Per Program	36 to 1560	83 to 1759	113 to 2044	88 to 1754	89 to 1757	115 to 1693	103 to 1580	72 to 1218	134 to 1359	72 to 892	44 to 688

**Table 3. Seats Available in Next Entering Class for Programs in PTCAS**

	Admissions Cycle 2017-2018
Total # of Programs in PTCAS	229
Total # of PTCAS Applications	98,773
Total # of PTCAS Applicants	17,834
Mean # of PTCAS Applicants Per Program	432
Total # of Accepted Applicants in PTCAS	10,578
TOTAL # of Seats Available in Next Entering Class for Programs in PTCAS	10,912
MEAN # of Seats Available in Next Entering Class for Programs in PTCAS	47
MEDIAN # of Seats Available in Next Entering Class for Programs in PTCAS	40
MEAN # of PTCAS Applications Per Seat Available in Next Entering Class	9.1

\*The mean number of applications per seat was calculated by dividing the total number of verified PTCAS applications by the total number of seats available in the next entering class for programs in PTCAS, as reported by programs in the 2018-2019 PTCAS Directory. The anticipated number of seats available in the 2018-2019 PTCAS Directory may differ from the actual number of seats filled.

## Age, Sex, and Gender

PTCAS age data is based on the optional “Age” field in the PTCAS application, as entered by applicants, at the time they applied. PTCAS cannot verify or edit the Age or Date-of-birth fields on behalf of applicants; therefore, **some age data may be inaccurate**. The 2018-19 PTCAS application introduced a clarification to the ‘Sex’ question as the “sex assigned at birth, such as on a legal birth certificate.” Additionally, a new question regarding an applicant’s gender identity was added. Information regarding gender is now included in this section of the Applicant Data Report.

**Table 4. PTCAS Applicants by Age and Sex**

	MALE		FEMALE		Decline		Total	
Age	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Age Up to 19	6	0.1%	48	0.5%	0	0.0%	54	0.3%
Age 20 - 25	5614	77.8%	9258	87.2%	2	40.0%	14874	83.4%
Age 26 - 30	1160	16.1%	948	8.9%	1	20.0%	2109	11.8%
Age 31 - 35	295	4.1%	214	2.0%	1	20.0%	510	2.9%
Age 36 - 40	90	1.2%	90	0.8%	1	20.0%	181	1.0%
Age 41 - 45	30	0.4%	36	0.3%	0	0.0%	66	0.4%
Age 46+	20	0.3%	20	0.2%	0	0.0%	40	0.2%
Did Not Report Age	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,215</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,614</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,834</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Mean</b>	<b>24.1</b>		<b>22.9</b>		<b>29.6</b>		<b>23.40</b>	
<b>Median</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>28</b>		<b>22</b>	
<b>Range</b>	<b>19-69</b>		<b>18-57</b>		<b>25-36</b>		<b>18-69</b>	

**Table 5. Accepted PTCAS Applicants by Age and Sex**

	MALE		FEMALE		Decline		Total	
Age	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Age Up to 19	4	0.1%	34	0.5%	0	0.0%	38	0.4%
Age 20 - 25	3399	81.7%	5753	89.7%	1	100.0%	9153	86.5%
Age 26 - 30	547	13.1%	448	7.0%	0	0.0%	995	9.4%
Age 31 - 35	139	3.3%	114	1.8%	0	0.0%	253	2.4%
Age 36 - 40	52	1.2%	42	0.7%	0	0.0%	94	0.9%
Age 41 - 45	13	0.3%	18	0.3%	0	0.0%	31	0.3%
Age 46+	7	0.2%	7	0.1%	0	0.0%	14	0.1%
Did Not Report Age	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,161</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,416</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,578</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Mean</b>	<b>23.65</b>		<b>22.56</b>		<b>25.00</b>		<b>22.99</b>	
<b>Median</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>25</b>		<b>22</b>	
<b>Range</b>	<b>19-52</b>		<b>18-57</b>		<b>25-25</b>		<b>18-57</b>	

**Table 6. PTCAS Applicants by Gender Identity**

Gender Identity	2018-19	
	#	%
Male/Man	7,191	40.33%
Female/Woman	10,600	59.45%
Trans Male/Man	3	0.02%
Trans Female/Woman	1	0.01%
Non-Binary/Third Gender	7	0.04%
Prefer to Self Describe	1	0.01%
Decline to State	27	0.15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,830</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*Disparities in total number of applicants reported elsewhere in this report and on this table are a result of disparities in data sources. Numbers on this table include applicants who were ultimately not considered complete by programs.

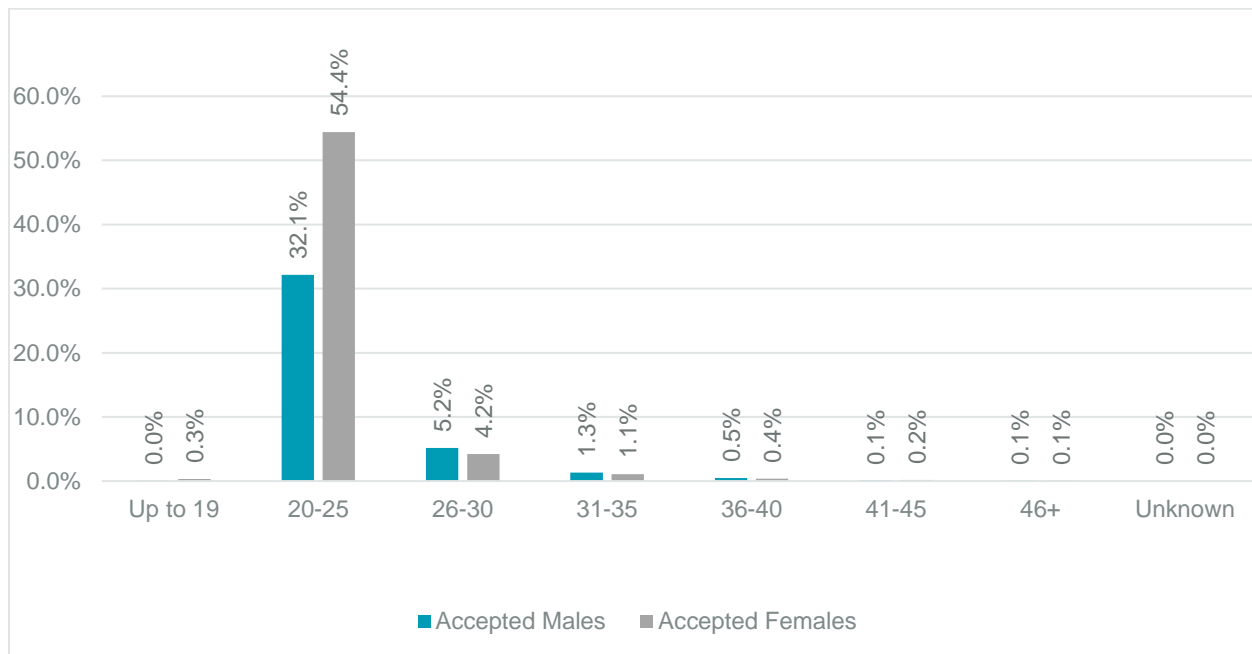
**Table 7. Accepted PTCAS Applicants by Gender Identity**

Gender Identity	2018-19	
	#	%
Male/man	4,177	39.22%
Female/woman	6,447	60.54%
Trans male/man	0	0.00%
Trans female/woman	0	0.00%
Nonbinary/third gender	4	0.04%
Prefer to self-describe	1	0.01%
Decline to state	21	0.20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,650</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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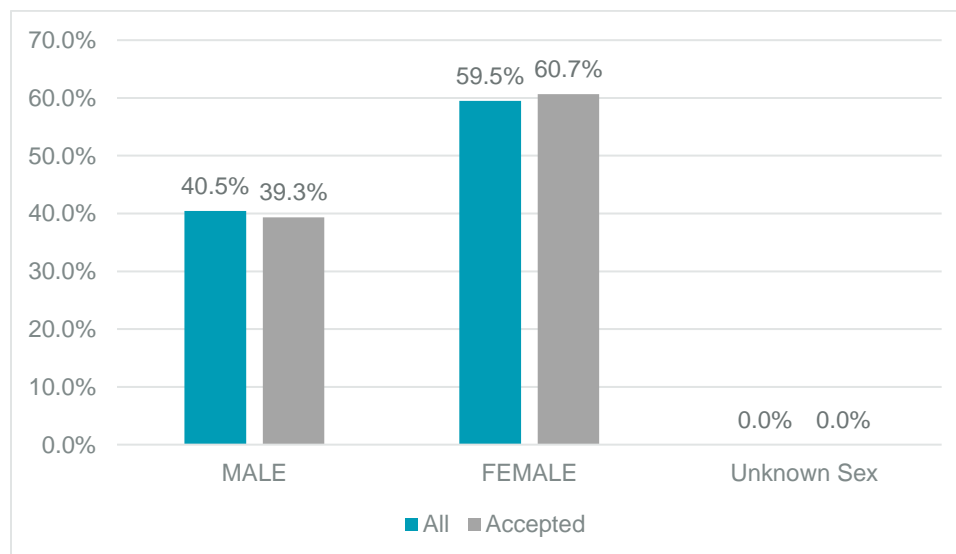


**Figure 1. Percent of Accepted PTCAS Applicants by Age and Sex**



\*The percentages in the graph above were calculated based on the total number of accepted applicants in the 2018-2019 pool (n=10,578 accepted PTCAS applicants). Applicants who declined to report an age on the PTCAS application are reported in the graph as “Unknown.” Applicants who declined to report a gender are not represented in this graph (see [Table 5](#)). The graph only reflects acceptances made by PTCAS programs.

**Figure 2. Percent of PTCAS Applicants by Sex and Acceptance Status**

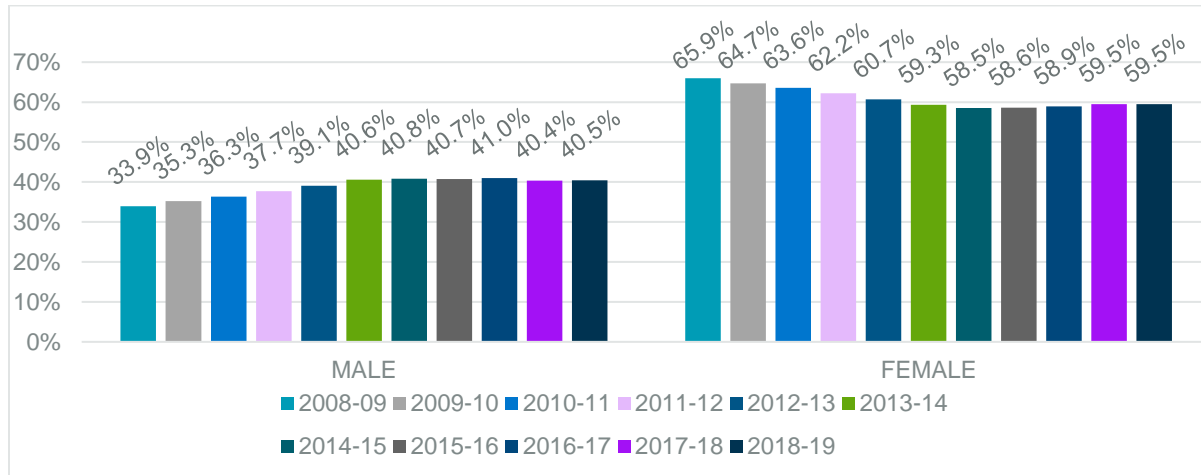


\*The percentages in the graph above were calculated based on the total number of applicants in each pool (n=17,834 for all PTCAS applicants; n=10,578 for accepted PTCAS applicants). Applicants who declined to report a sex on the PTCAS application are reported in the graph as “Unknown Sex”. The graph only reflects acceptances made by PTCAS programs.

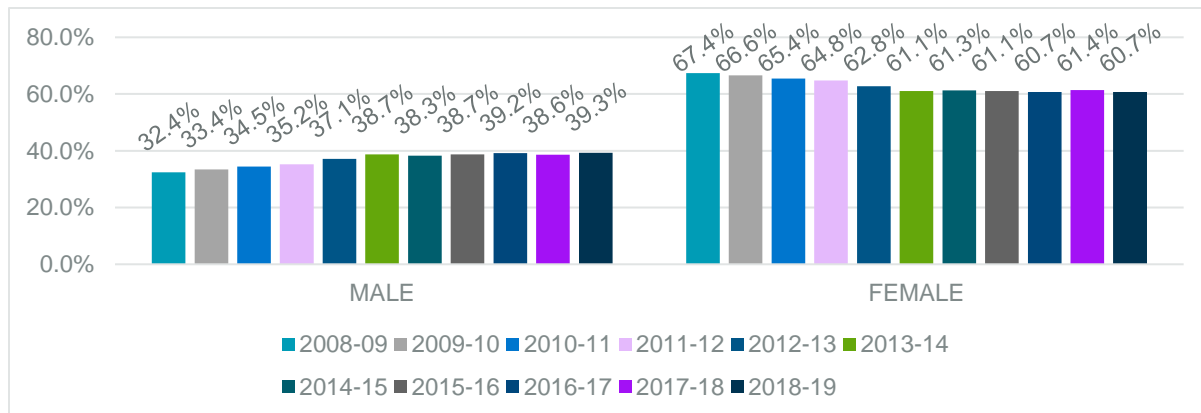
## Trends: Sex

The percent of male applicants who applied to programs in PTCAS rose by 0.1% in the 2018-2019 admissions cycle over the previous cycle. The Sex field on the PTCAS application includes a “Decline to state” option. Fewer than 0.1% of PTCAS applicants selected this option. These applicants are not reflected in the trend graphs.

**Figure 3. PTCAS Applicants by Sex per Cycle**



**Figure 4. Accepted PTCAS Applicants by Sex per Cycle**



\*Acceptance data in all PTCAS tables reflects offers made by PTCAS programs. The percentages in the graphs above were calculated based on the total number of applicants in each pool:

**All applicants:** (n=6,112 in 2008-09; n=9,297 in 2009-10; n=11,691 in 2010-11; n=13,462 in 2011-12, n=15,616 in 2012-13, n=16,828 in 2013-14, n=17,587 in 2014-15, n=18,475 in 2015-16, n=19,025 in 2016-17, n=18,359 in 2017-18, n=17,834 in 2018-19).

**Accepted applicants:** (n=3,197 in 2008-09; n=5,748 in 2009-10; n=5,943 in 2010-11; n=6,684 in 2011-12, n=7,177 in 2012-13, n=7,722 in 2013-14, n=8,214 in 2014-15, n=9,227 in 2015-16, n=9,707 in 2016-17, n=10,393 in 2017-18, n=10,578 in 2018-19).

## Race/Ethnicity

Programs in PTCAS can view all of the racial and ethnic designations for each application received. For the purpose of this report only, applicants with multiple racial and ethnic categories selected are categorized as “2+ Race/Ethnicity Designations”. Review [table 7](#) to view data regarding the actual number of racial and ethnic category designations submitted by applicants.

**Table 8. PTCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity and Sex**

	Male		Female		Unknown		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	17	0.24%	26	0.24%	0	0.00%	43	0.24%
Hispanic/Latino	906	12.56%	1150	10.83%	1	20.00%	2057	11.53%
Asian	956	13.25%	928	8.74%	0	0.00%	1884	10.56%
African-American/Black (non-Hispanic)	458	6.35%	732	6.90%	0	0.00%	1190	6.67%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	20	0.28%	15	0.14%	0	0.00%	35	0.20%
White (not of Hispanic origin)	4449	61.66%	7174	67.59%	3	60.00%	11626	65.19%
2+ Race/Ethnicity Designations	254	3.52%	372	3.50%	0	0.00%	626	3.51%
Decline to State	155	2.15%	217	2.04%	1	20.00%	373	2.09%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,215</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,614</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,834</b>	<b>100%</b>

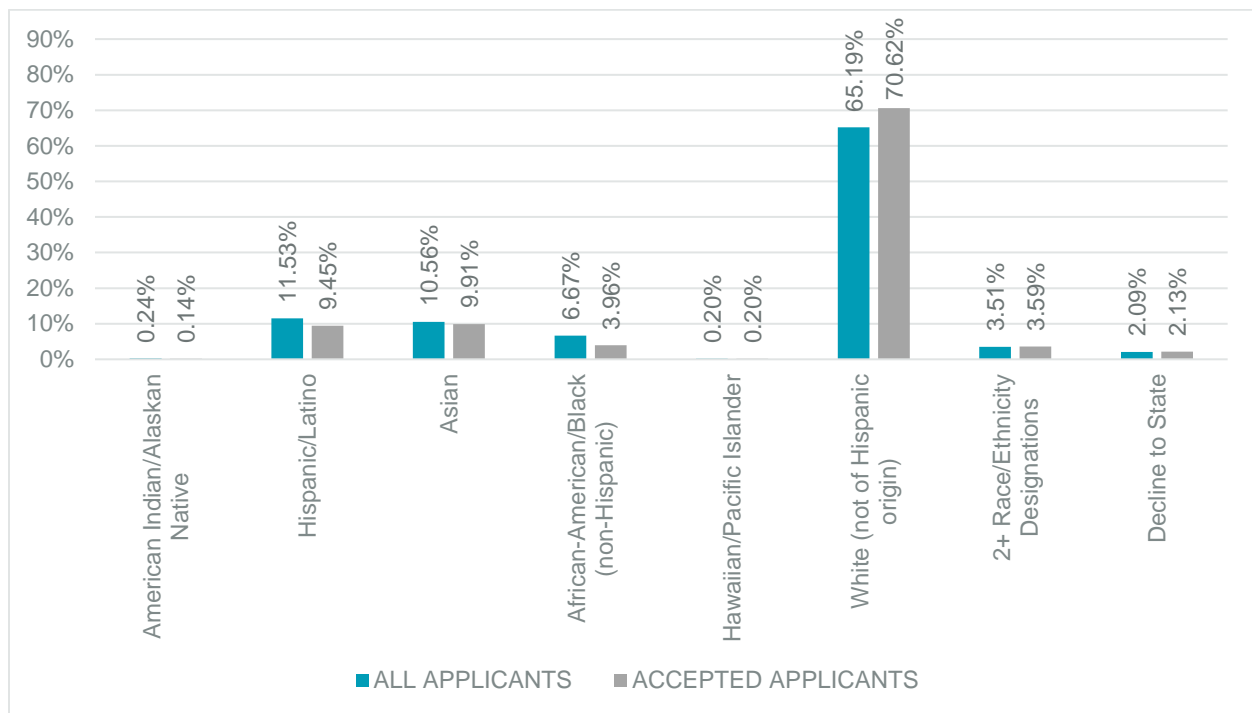
\*Race/ethnicity categories in table are mutually exclusive. Each applicant is represented in only one race category above. Review Table 10 for all racial and ethnic category designations submitted.

**Table 9. Accepted PTCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity and Sex**

	MALE		FEMALE		UNKNOWN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	8	0.19%	7	0.11%	0	0.00%	15	0.14%
Hispanic/Latino	440	10.57%	560	8.73%	0	0.00%	1000	9.45%
Asian	533	12.81%	515	8.03%	0	0.00%	1048	9.91%
African-American/Black (non-Hispanic)	167	4.01%	252	3.93%	0	0.00%	419	3.96%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	11	0.26%	10	0.16%	0	0.00%	21	0.20%
White (not of Hispanic origin)	2771	66.59%	4699	73.24%	0	0.00%	7470	70.62%
2+ Race/Ethnicity Designations	145	3.48%	235	3.66%	0	0.00%	380	3.59%
Decline to State	86	2.07%	138	2.15%	1	100.00%	225	2.13%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,161</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,416</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,578</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Race/ethnicity categories in table are mutually exclusive. Each applicant is represented in only one racial and ethnic category above. Review table 10 for all racial and ethnic category designations submitted.

**Figure 5. PTCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity and Acceptance Status**

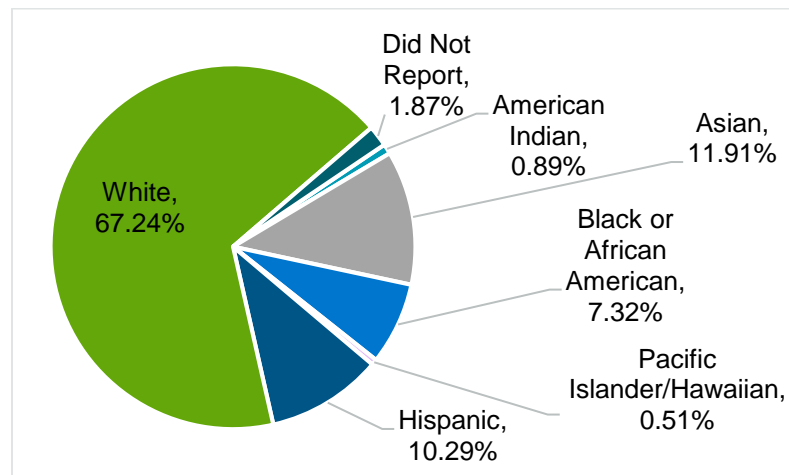


\*Percentages in graph above were calculated based on the total number of applicants in each pool (n=17,834 for PTCAS applicants; n=10,578 for accepted PTCAS applicants). Race/ethnicity categories in table are mutually exclusive. Each applicant is represented in only one racial and ethnic category above. Review [Table 10](#) for all racial and ethnic category designations submitted.

PTCAS applicants in the 2018-2019 admissions cycle were able to select one or more race and ethnicity categories. Categories in the table and graph below are not mutually exclusive. Therefore, the report total in the table below exceeds the total number of PTCAS applicants.

Table 10. PTCAS Applicants by All Race and Ethnicity Designations				
Race/Ethnicity Designations	Total Applicants in PTCAS		Total Accepted Applicants in PTCAS	
	#	%	#	%
American Indian	177	0.89%	82	0.70%
Asian	2,382	11.91%	1,351	11.49%
Black or African American	1,463	7.32%	573	4.87%
Pacific Islander/Hawaiian	101	0.51%	59	0.50%
Hispanic	2,057	10.29%	1,000	8.50%
White	13,447	67.24%	8,471	72.03%
Did Not Report	373	1.87%	225	1.91%
Total	20,000	100%	11,761	100%

**Figure 6. Race/Ethnicity Designations for PTCAS Applicants\***



\* Racial and ethnicity categories in graph are not mutually exclusive.

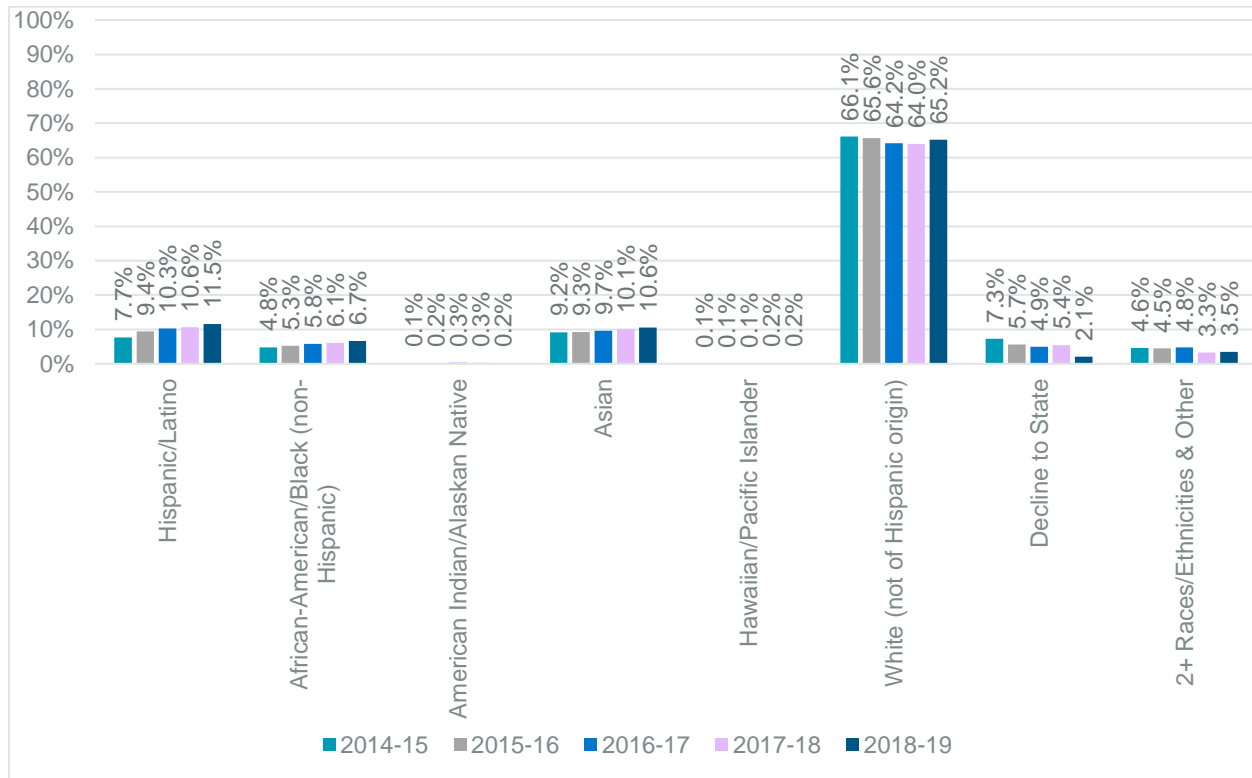
## Trends: Race/Ethnicity

During the first PTCAS admissions cycle, for 2008-2009, applicants could select only one racial or ethnic category on the PTCAS application. For the 2009-2010 cycle, applicants could select one or more racial or ethnic categories, and the “Hispanic or Latino” category was moved to a separate field. The “Other” racial and ethnic category was removed in the 2010-2011 PTCAS cycle, re-added in the 2013-2014 cycle, and removed again in the 2017-18 cycle. In tables 8-10 and figures 5-6 the number of “Hispanic/Latino” applicants reflects all applicants who self-identified as Hispanic or Latino, regardless of race. A total of 2,057 PTCAS applicants designated “Hispanic/Latino” on the application in 2018-19 — 1,436 applicants who selected YES to the “race\_hispanic” field and YES to additional race fields, and 621 applicants who selected YES to the “race\_hispanic” field only and did not select additional race fields. Below is the data for previous cycles:

2,057 in 2018-2019	1,356 in 2014-2015	638 in 2010-2011
1,939 in 2017-2018	1,221 in 2013-2014	499 in 2009-2010
1,956 in 2016-2017	945 in 2012-2013	281 in 2008-2009
1,744 in 2015-2016	755 in 2011-2012	

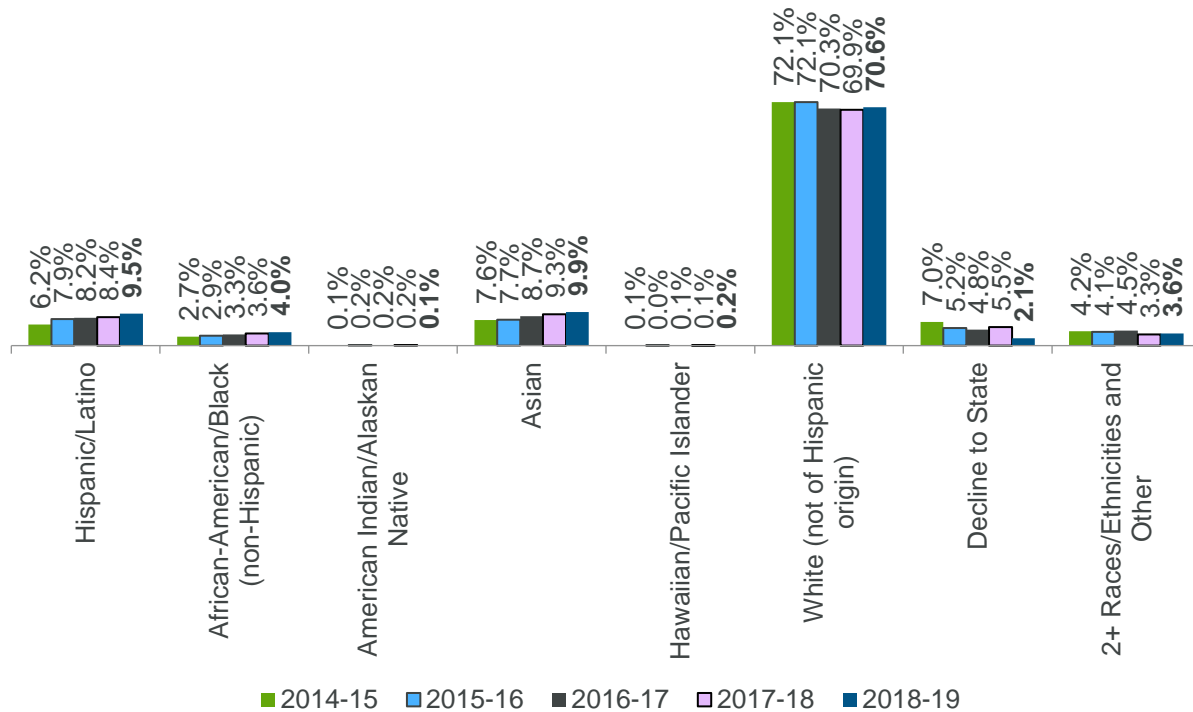
There were **871** “Hispanic/Latino” applicants accepted by one or more programs in PTCAS in 2017-2018 versus 797 in 2016-17, 726 in 2015-16, 510 in 2014-15, 449 in 2013-14, 357 in 2012-13, 304 in 2011-12, 279 in 2010-11, 217 in 2009-10, and 115 in 2008-09. Prior to the 2013-14 report year, Hispanic or Latino applicants who also selected a race were categorized under “Two+ Race/Ethnicity Designations.” Therefore, the number of Hispanic and Latino applicants appears to be significantly higher in reports for cycles beginning in 2013-14 through the current cycle than they are in previous reports.

**Figure 7. Percent of PTCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity and Cycle**



\*Percentages in the graph above were calculated based on the total number of PTCAS applicants in the pool (n=9,297 in 2009-10, 11,691 in 2010-11, 13,462 in 2011-12, 15,616 in 2012-13, 16,828 in 2013-14, 17,587 in 2014-15, 18,475 in 2015-16, 19,025 in 2016-17, 18,359 in 2017-18, n=17,834 in 2018-19).

**Figure 8. Percent of Accepted PTCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity and Cycle**



\*Percentages in the graph above were calculated based on the total number of accepted PTCAS applicants in the pool (n=5,748 in 2009-10, n=5,943 in 2010-11, n=6,684 in 2011-12, n=7,177 in 2012-13, n=7,722 in 2013-14, n=8,214 in 2014-15, n=9,227 in 2015-16, n=9,707 in 2016-17, n=10,393 in 2017-18, n=10,578 in 2018-19).

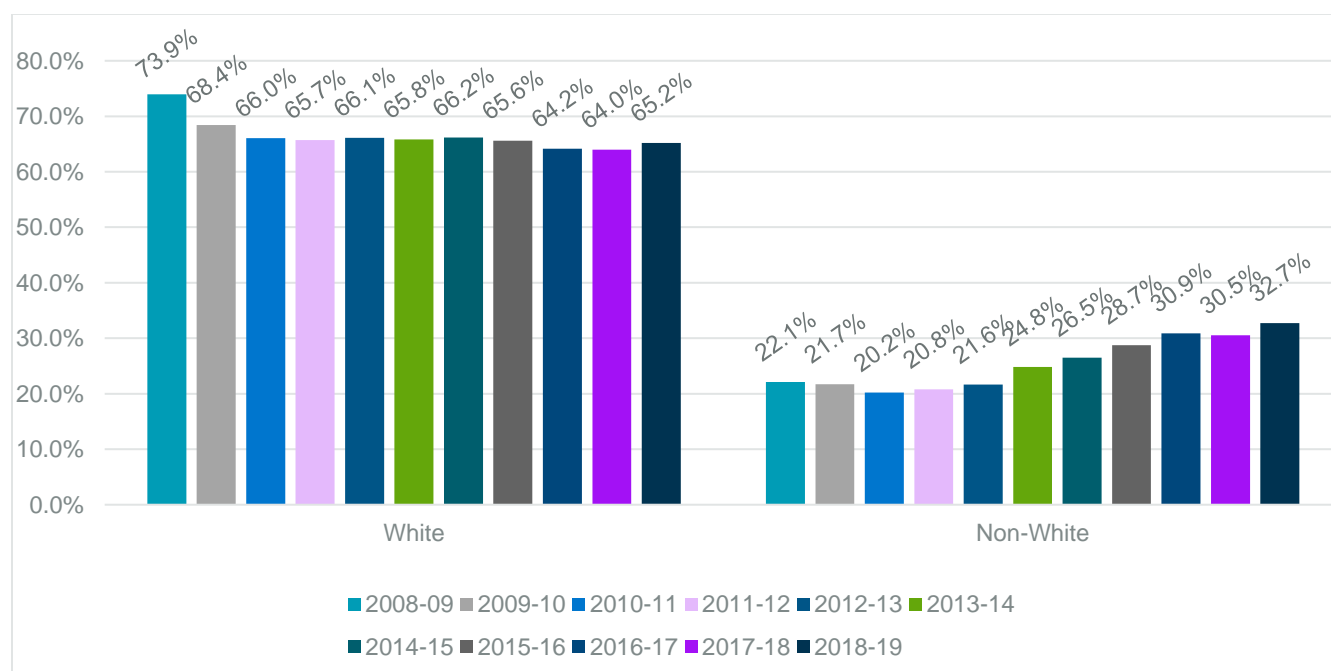


New to the Applicant Data Report for the 2018-19 PTCAS cycle is information highlighting the number of applicants who indicated they were not exclusively “white.” The percentages are inclusive of the sum total of all applicants selecting any of the following racial or ethnic designations, regardless of whether they selected “white” in addition to any of these designations: American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Pacific Islander/Hawaiian Native, Hispanic. Applicants who did not report any racial or ethnic designations are not included in the below information.

**Table 11. PTCAS Applicants by All Race and Ethnicity Designations**

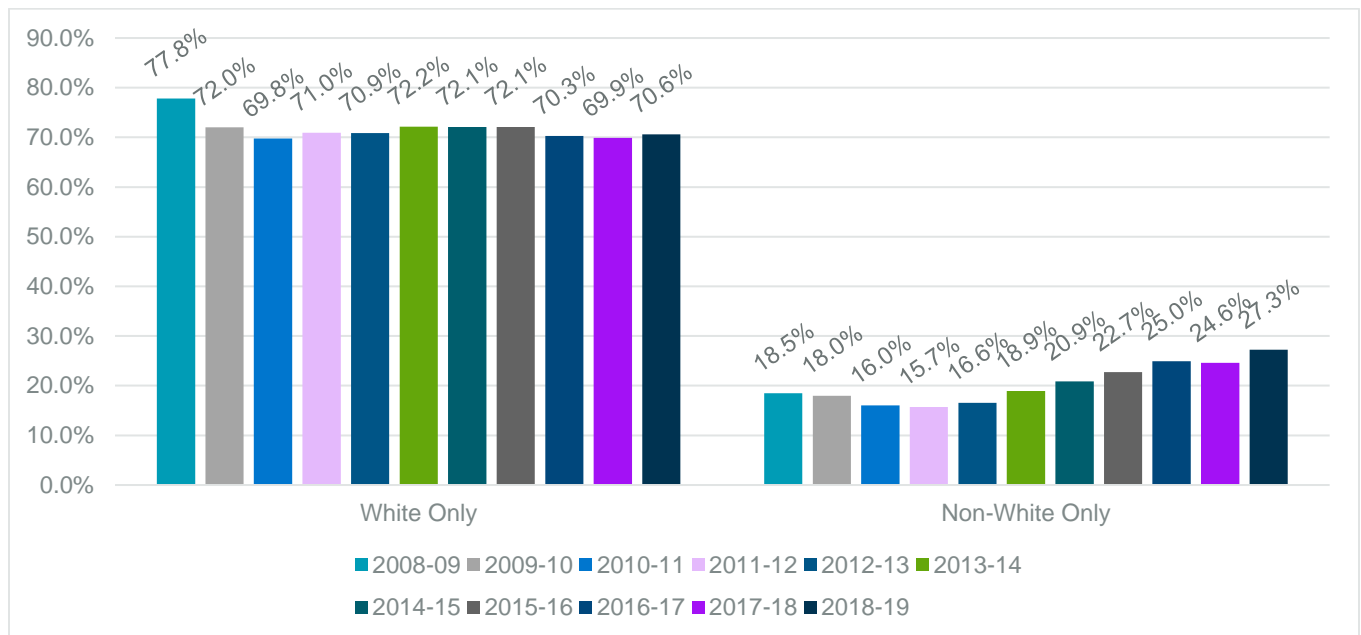
	Total Applicants in PTCAS		Total Accepted Applicants in PTCAS	
	#	%	#	%
White	11,626	65.19%	7,470	70.62%
Non-white	5,835	32.72%	2,883	27.25%
Did not report	373	2.09%	225	2.13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,834</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,578</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Figure 9. Percent of Underrepresented Minority PTCAS Applicants**



\*Percentages in the graph above were calculated based on the total number of PTCAS applicants in the pool (n=9,297 in 2009-10, 11,691 in 2010-11, 13,462 in 2011-12, 15,616 in 2012-13, 16,828 in 2013-14, 17,587 in 2014-15, 18,475 in 2015-16, 19,025 in 2016-17, 18,359 in 2017-18, n=17,834 in 2018-19).

**Figure 10. Percent of Accepted Underrepresented Minority PTCAS Applicants**



\*Percentages in the graph above were calculated based on the total number of accepted PTCAS applicants in the pool (n=5,748 in 2009-10, n=5,943 in 2010-11, n=6,684 in 2011-12, n=7,177 in 2012-13, n=7,722 in 2013-14, n=8,214 in 2014-15, n=9,227 in 2015-16, n=9,707 in 2016-17, n=10,393 in 2017-18, n=10,578 in 2018-19).

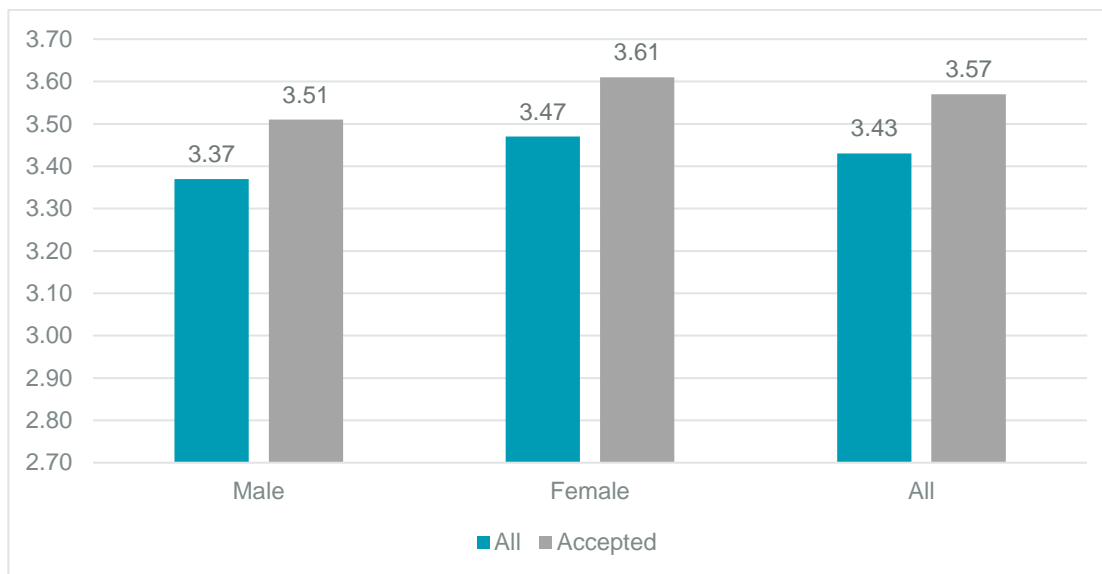
## Grade Point Averages

PTCAS calculates standardized [grade point averages](#) to help participating programs evaluate applicants using uniform and consistent criteria, regardless of different institutional transcript policies. The PTCAS GPAs are automatically generated by the system and are likely to be different from those calculated by the colleges and universities attended due to the PTCAS grade standardization process. PTCAS includes all initial and repeated coursework in its GPA calculations; therefore, the average GPAs may be lower than the average GPAs calculated by a local PT education program. PTCAS calculates standardized GPAs using a semester-based 4.0 scale.

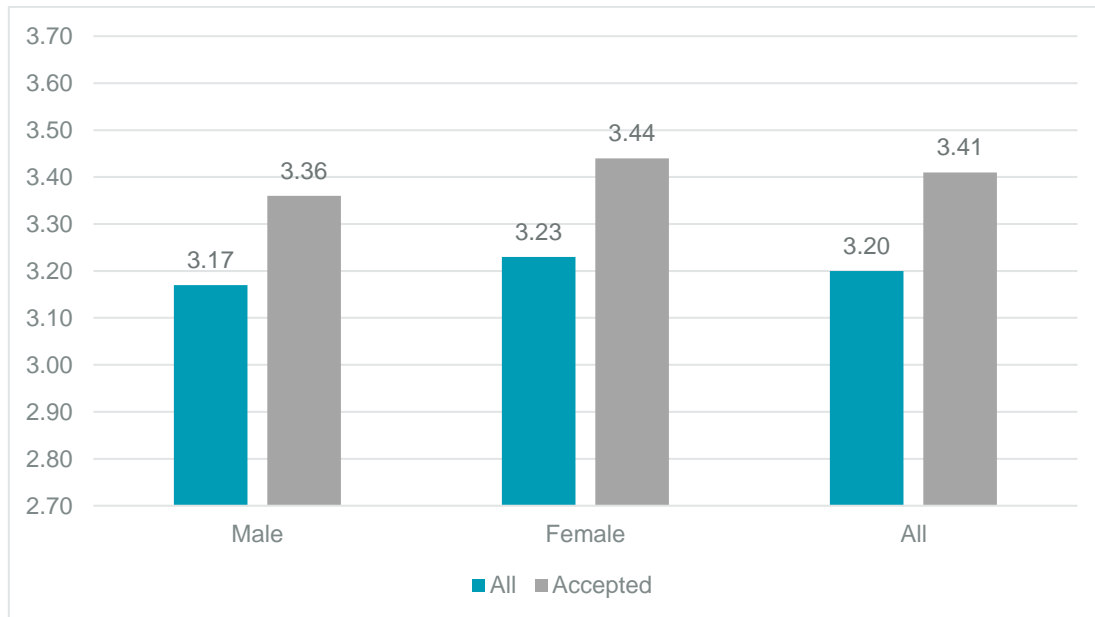
Table 12. PTCAS GPAs by Gender and Acceptance Status

	All Applicants				Accepted Applicants			
	Male	Female	Unknown	All	Male	Female	Unknown	All
Anatomy and Physiology	3.50	3.28	3.12	3.27	3.45	3.49	2.74	3.47
Biology	3.19	3.26	2.95	3.23	3.39	3.46	3.10	3.43
Chemistry	3.05	3.08	2.69	3.07	3.25	3.29	3.47	3.28
English	3.39	3.59	2.59	3.50	3.50	3.70	2.35	3.62
Mathematics	3.21	3.35	2.31	3.30	3.40	3.54	2.25	3.48
Movement Science	3.59	3.62	3.87	3.61	3.70	3.74	3.86	3.72
Other Course	3.51	3.65	3.03	3.60	3.62	3.75	3.17	3.70
Other Science	3.52	3.64	2.69	3.59	3.63	3.75	3.08	3.70
Physics	3.27	3.28	2.90	3.28	3.46	3.47	3.75	3.47
Psychology	3.50	3.62	2.98	3.57	3.63	3.75	3.60	3.70
Social / Behavioral Science	3.49	3.63	3.44	3.57	3.60	3.74	4.00	3.69
Science	3.17	3.21	2.85	3.19	3.37	3.42	3.19	3.40
Combined Science and Math	3.17	3.23	2.70	3.20	3.36	3.44	2.95	3.41
<b>Cumulative Undergraduate</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>3.47</b>	<b>2.92</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>3.21</b>	<b>3.57</b>

**Figure 11. Mean Undergraduate Cumulative GPA for PTCAS Applicants**

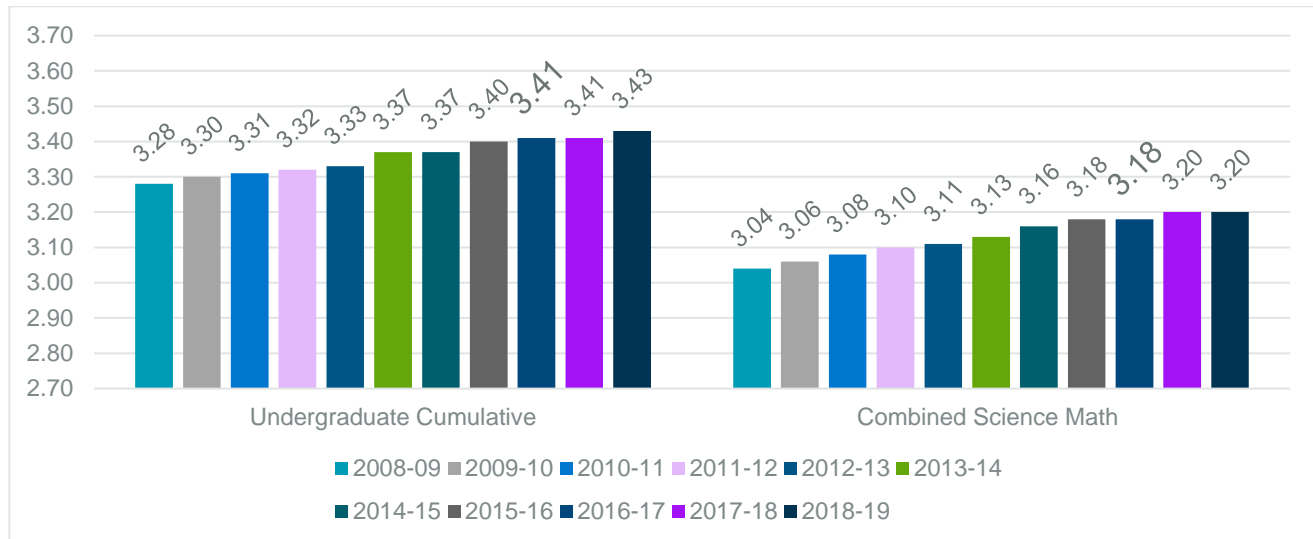


**Figure 12. Mean Combined Science and Math GPA for PTCAS Applicants**



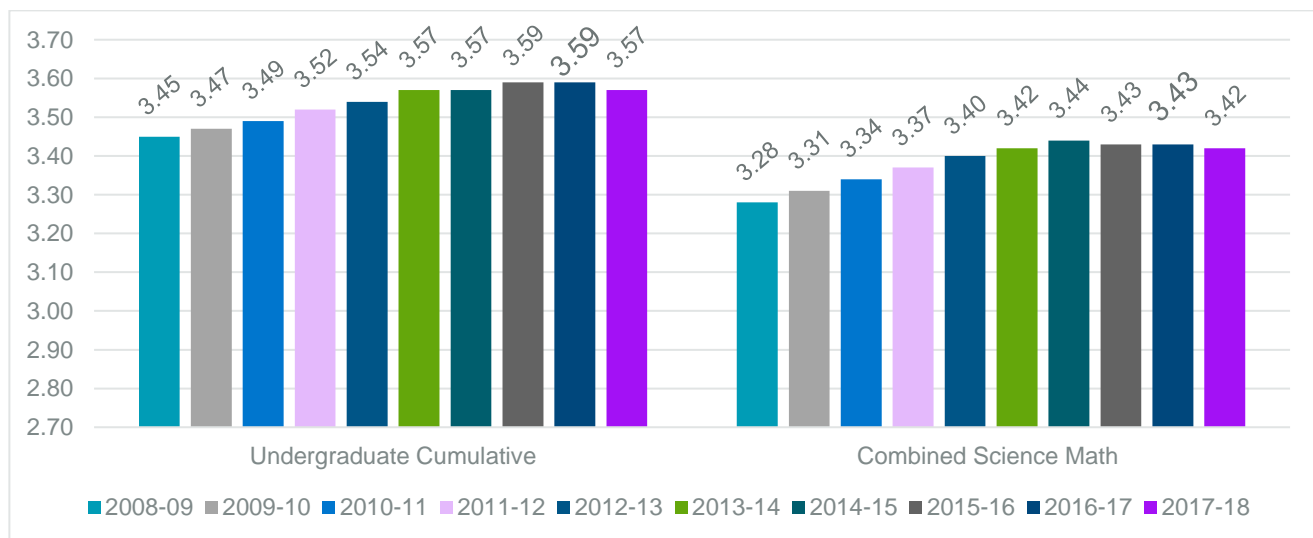
## Trends: GPAs

**Figure 13. Mean GPAs for PTCAS Applicants by Cycle**



\*The Core PT Prerequisite [GPA](#) is applicant-reported only and is the only GPA not verified by PTCAS. It includes all courses matched by applicants to the PTCAS standard list of course prerequisites and may be inaccurate. All applicants: (n=6,112 in 2008-09; n=9,297 in 2009-10; n=11,691 in 2010-11; n=13,462 in 2011-12; n=15,616 in 2012-13; n=16,828 in 2013-14; n=17,587 in 2014-15; n=18,475 in 2015-16; n=19,025 in 2016-17; n=18,359 in 2017-18; n=17,834 in 2018-19).

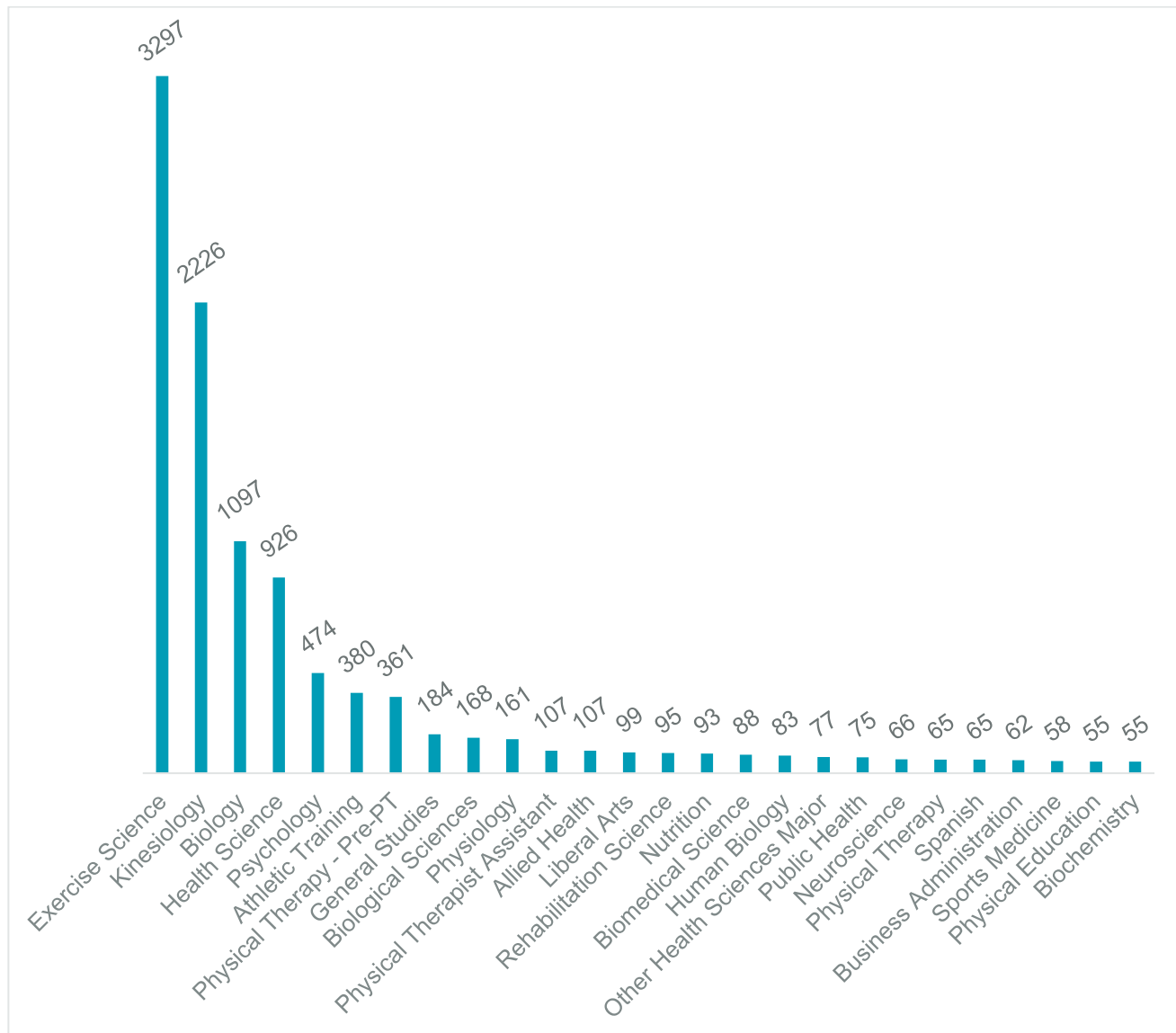
**Figure 14. Mean GPAs for Accepted PTCAS Applicants by Cycle**



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## College Majors

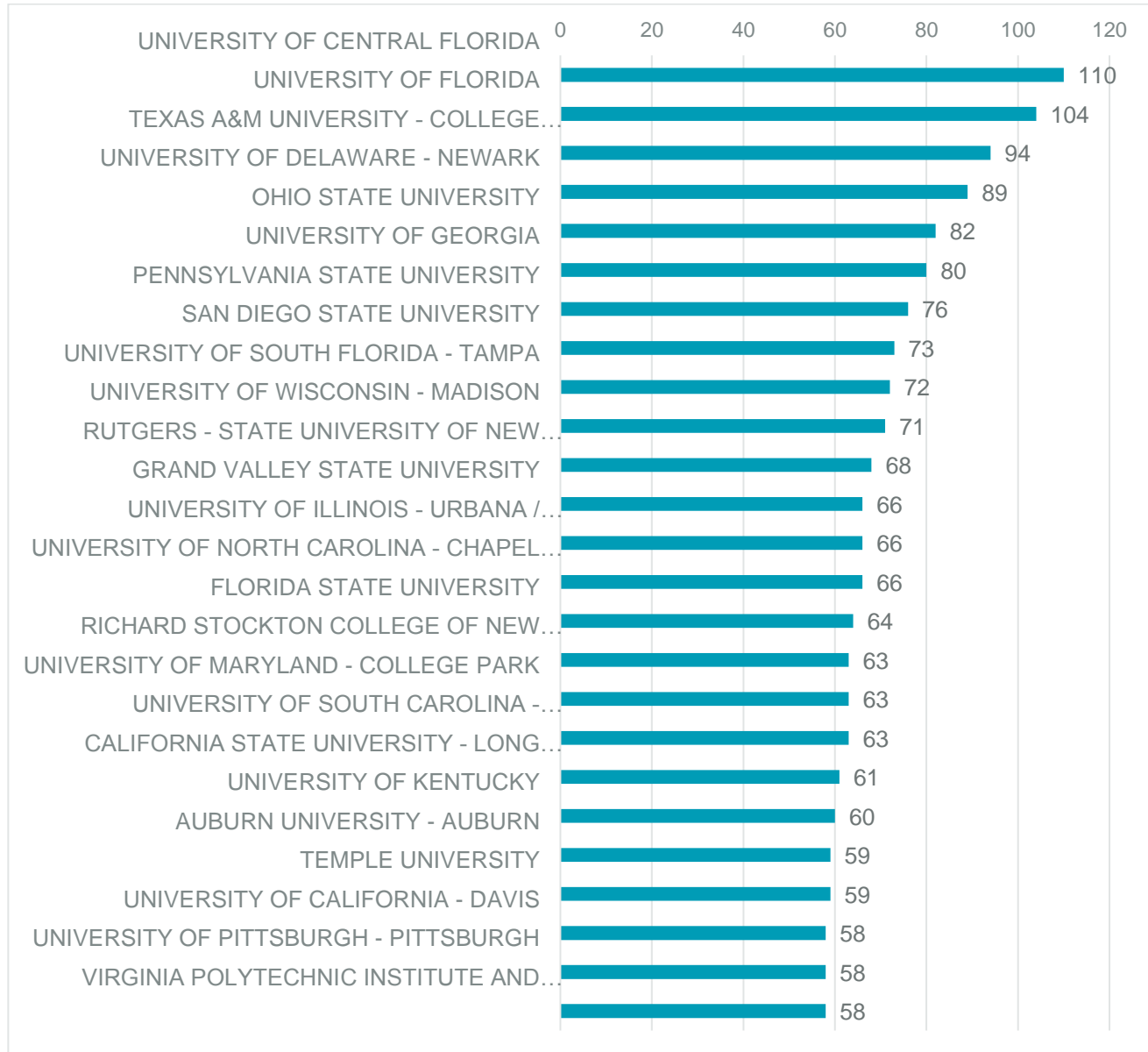
**Figure 15. Top 25 Majors for Accepted PTCAS Applicants**



\*Some applicants in PTCAS designated multiple majors or minors. The graph above includes information based on all majors designated. Major categories are not mutually exclusive. If an applicant enters the same major for multiple colleges or degrees, the major will be counted as many times as it is listed.

## Primary Institutions Attended

Figure 16. Top 25 Primary Institutions Attended by Accepted PTCAS Applicants



## PTCAS Fee Waivers

PTCAS offers [fee waivers](#) to financially disadvantaged applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. The annual APTA fee waiver fund remained at \$60,000 for the 2018-2019 cycle. Fee waiver decisions are based on the applicant's income, or parent's income if claimed as a dependent, as reported on the most recent federal tax return. PTCAS grants waivers to applicants with earnings that are at or below twice the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines. Applicants with approved waivers may apply to one PTCAS program for free, and may choose to apply to additional programs by paying the incremental fee. Fee waiver requests are denied if the applicant does not follow the fee waiver instructions or exceeds the income threshold. Fee waivers are revoked if the applicant does not submit the application within 45 days of approval.

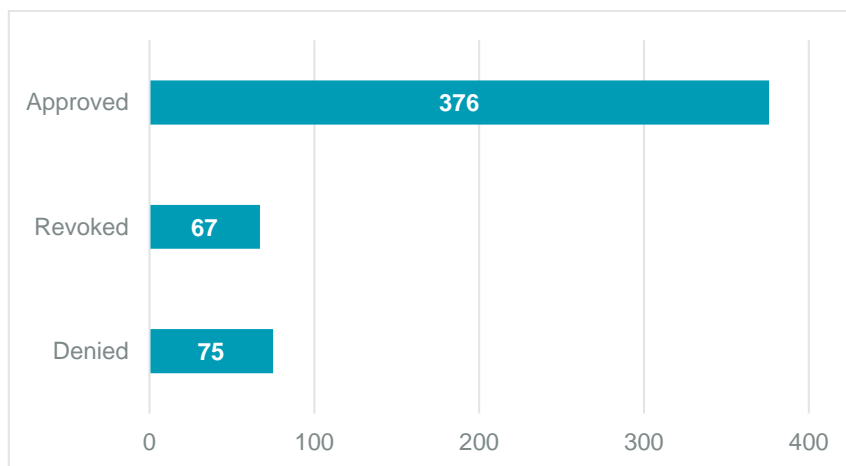
Requests received per admissions cycle:

- 533 in 2018-2019
- 595 in 2017-2018
- 592 in 2016-2017
- 600 in 2015-2016
- 501 in 2014-2015

Requests approved per admissions cycle:

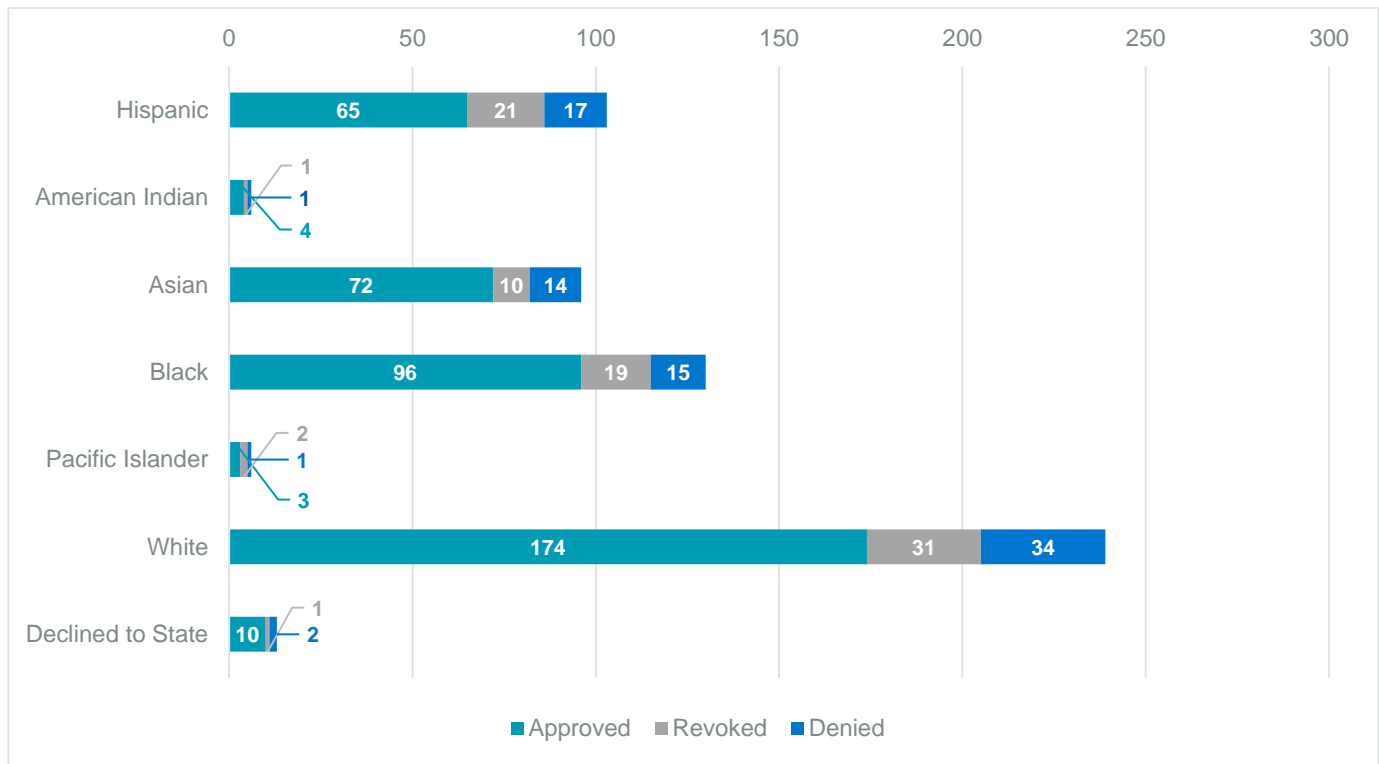
- 443 in 2018-2019
- 427 in 2017-2018
- 416 in 2016-2017
- 342 in 2015-2016
- 366 in 2014-2015

**Figure 17. Fee Waiver Requests and Actions**





**Figure 18. Fee Waiver Decisions by Race and Ethnicity Designations**



PTCAS applicants were able to select one or more racial and ethnicity categories. Applicants with more than one race identified will be reflected in more than one category in the graph above.

## Unofficial GRE® Scores

The following tables and figures represent applicant-reported Graduate Record Examination (GRE®) percentile scores on the PTCAS application only and do not reflect official GRE score reports from the Educational Testing Service (ETS). If multiple unofficial GRE scores were entered by the applicant on the application, only the data for the most recent test date are included in the mean calculation. Applicants who did not enter GRE scores on the application are excluded from these tables, regardless of whether official GRE scores were received by PTCAS. PTCAS does not verify that applicant-reported GRE scores are accurate or match the official GRE score reports from ETS.

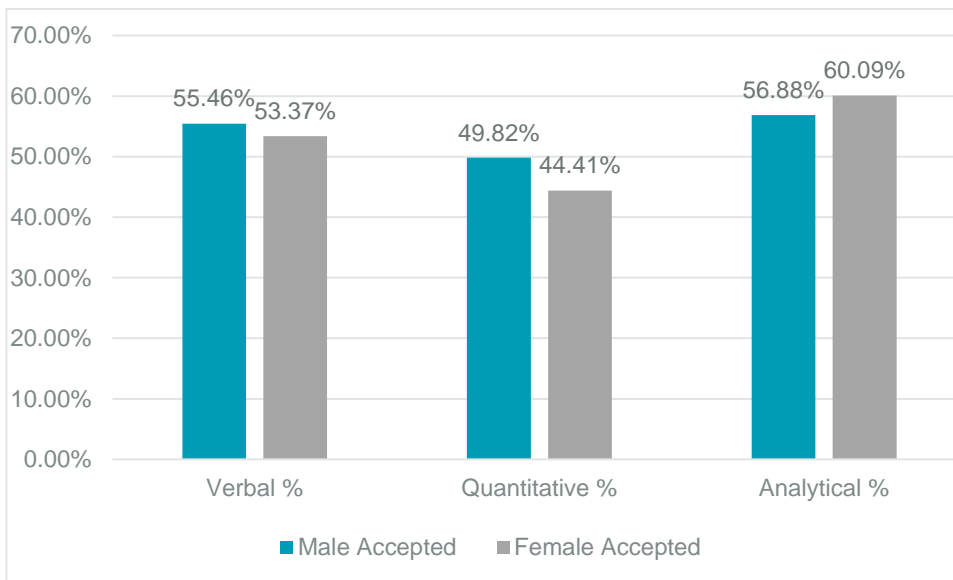
**Table 13. Mean Unofficial GRE Percentile Scores for PTCAS Applicants**

	Male	Female	Declined to State
<b>Verbal %</b>	50.67%	47.45%	54.25%
<b>Quantitative %</b>	45.07%	38.82%	30.25%
<b>Analytical %</b>	51.58%	54.28%	39.50%

**Table 14. Mean Unofficial GRE Percentile Scores for Accepted PTCAS Applicants**

	Male	Female	Declined to State
<b>Verbal %</b>	55.46%	53.37%	76.00%
<b>Quantitative %</b>	49.82%	44.41%	61.00%
<b>Analytical %</b>	56.88%	60.09%	41.00%

**Figure 19. Mean Unofficial GRE Percentile Scores for Accepted PTCAS Applicants by Gender**



## Disadvantaged Status

The 2018-2019 PTCAS application included questions related to disadvantaged status in response to the development of a definition of underrepresented minorities in physical therapy education, as adopted by APTA in 2014. The questions were intended to assist programs in identifying applicants from educationally, economically, or geographically disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Table 15. Environmental Disadvantaged Status for PTCAS Applicants**

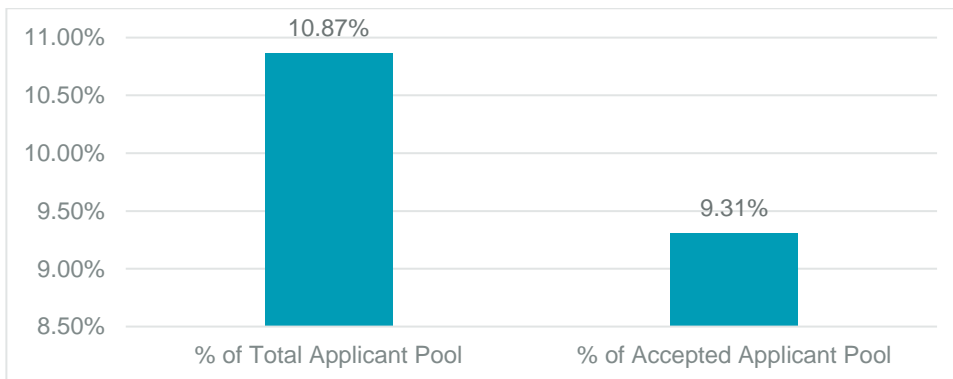
Environmentally Disadvantaged Status	All Applicants	% of Total Applicant Pool	Accepted Applicants	% of Accepted Applicant Pool
I graduated from a high school from which a low percentage of seniors received a high school diploma.	446	2.5%	184	1.7%
I graduated from a high school at which many of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.	3,529	19.8%	1921	18.2%
I am from a family that receives public assistance (e.g., Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps, Medicaid, public housing).	903	5.1%	465	4.4%
I am from a family that lives in an area that is designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area or a Medically Underserved Area.	690	3.9%	417	3.9%
I participated in an academic enrichment program funded in whole or in part by the Health Careers Opportunity Program.	81	0.5%	45	0.4%
I dropped out of high-school and received my AHS diploma or GED, or I am receiving public assistance.	24	0.1%	11	0.1%
I am from a school district where 50% or less of graduates go to college or where college education is not encouraged.	958	5.4%	507	4.8%
I am the first generation in my family to enroll in higher education.	3,070	17.2%	1551	14.7%
English is not my primary language.	646	3.6%	293	2.8%

Data regarding an applicant's disadvantaged status (e.g., economic, educational, environmental) is based on self-reported responses. Applicants in PTCAS could select one or more disadvantaged statuses. The disadvantaged categories are not mutually exclusive. Therefore, applicants may be represented in more than one category. Applicants were not required to use search tools to determine if they actually met the federal government's definition of disadvantaged (e.g., accessing data related to the their high school's college-bound rate based on the high school being in a medically underserved area/population or health professions shortage area).

**Table 16. Economic Disadvantaged Status for PTCAS Applicants**

Economically Disadvantaged Status	All Applicants	% of Total Applicant Pool	Accepted Applicants	% of Accepted Applicant Pool
Your parent's family income falls within the table's guidelines and you are considered to have met the criteria for economically disadvantaged.	1,938	10.87%	985	9.31%

**Figure 20. Economic Disadvantaged Status for PTCAS Applicants**



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